

SWETTENHAM SENDS A TARDY WIRE OF THANKS

The Governor of Jamaica Hastens To Ward Off Impending Blow.

GREAT BRITAIN IS HEARTILY GRATEFUL

Army Commander in Cuba Sends Tents to Kingston at Urgent Request of British Minister—Cruiser Indefatigable Now at Scene.

WASHINGTON, D. C., January 22.—An expression of gratitude from Governor Swettenham, of Jamaica, for the sympathy and aid extended by the United States to the victims of the disaster on that island, the publication of the text of a grateful note from E. Howard, the British charge here, conveying the regrets of Sir Edward Grey, the British principal Secretary of State, on account of the incident, and a cable report from American Vice-Consul Orrett, at Kingston, were among to-day's developments in the now famous controversy between Governor Swettenham and Rear-Admiral Davis, commanding the relief squadron which went to Kingston.

While Governor Swettenham's message is couched in the most polite terms, the British authorities, nevertheless, are not through with the matter so far as the Governor is concerned. In his letter, Mr. Howard takes occasion to inform this government that His Majesty's government is causing official inquiries to be made as to authenticity of the letter credited to Governor Swettenham.

Delayed Thanks. Governor Swettenham's cablegram reads as follows: "Jamaica, January 20. 'The Hon. E. Howard, Joint Secretary, Washington.' 'Jamaica. I am deeply grateful to your Excellency for expression of sympathy, and for the very practical aid so kindly given by Admiral Davis and the entire particular service squadron of the United States Navy. (Signed) 'GOVERNOR.' England Grateful.

The text of the note delivered to Acting Secretary Bacon by the British charge of embassy is as follows: "British Embassy, Washington. 'Sir, I have the honor to inform you, under instructions received to-day from His Majesty's principal Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, that His Majesty's government is causing official inquiries to be made as to the authenticity of a letter which appeared in the public press this morning, and purporting to be written by the Governor of Jamaica, and addressed to Admiral Davis, commanding the United States squadron lately in Jamaica waters.

"Sir Edward Grey desires me to say that, while he is so far dependent on the press only for information with regard to this incident, he deeply regrets, if the published text proves correct, that a British official should have addressed such a letter to the gallant admiral, who had rendered valuable assistance to British subjects at a time of great suffering and distress, and that he is certain that his feeling of regret is shared by every one in Great Britain.

"I have the honor to be, with the highest consideration, sir, your most obedient, humble servant. (Signed) 'ERNEST HOWARD.' Tents for Kingston.

An interesting chapter was added to the case to-day when it became known that on January 20th, after Admiral Davis and his ships had sailed from Kingston, Brigadier-General Vint, commanding the army of pacification in Cuba, on request of the acting British Minister at Havana, transmitted through Governor Magoon, had sent to Kingston five hospital tents and flies; twenty-eight wall tents and flies, and fifty-two cot tents, all complete. These had been reported by the British authorities as urgently required. Secretary Taft was prompt to give his approval upon his arrival here yesterday from South Carolina, and it is understood the tents are now on their way to Kingston.

Vice-Consul Orrett reported another shock to-day. In response to specific inquiries from the department, he cabled that Sperry, Bourke, Watson and wife, Mrs. Case, Joseph and Mary Eustace, Edwards and daughter, and Taylor were all alive.

Through the wireless telegraph station at Key West, Admiral Evans reports the arrival at Guantanamo to-day of the supply ship Celtic. The vessel left Kingston Sunday upon the arrival at that port of the British cruiser Indefatigable.

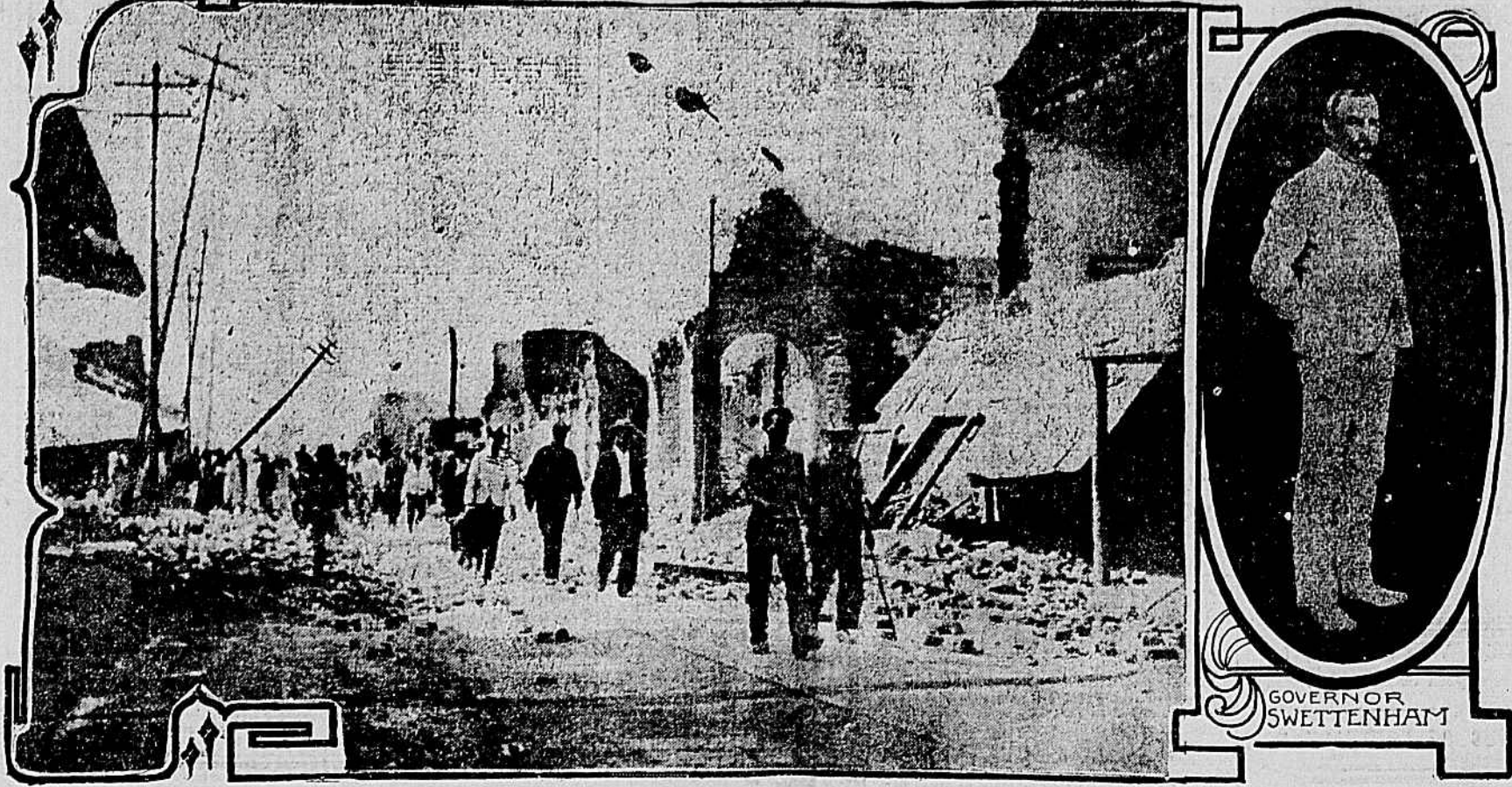
SIR ALFRED JONES CRUEL, INHUMAN

Turned Away Wounded From His Ship With Great Incivility.

NEW YORK, January 22.—American refugees from Kingston, Jamaica, arriving here to-day on board the steamer Prinz Eitel Friedrich, which sailed from the stricken city on Thursday afternoon last, the third day after the earthquake, were unanimous in condemning what they termed the "inactivity and utter inefficiency" of the English authorities on the island during the first days following the disaster. For three days, or up to the day the Prinz Eitel sailed, they said there was no semblance of order and nothing definite done in the matter of

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PRINCIPAL STREET OF KINGSTON AFTER THE EARTHQUAKE



MAYOR WILL VETO CHURCH MEASURE

Declares Ordinance Is Menace to Existence of Historic St. John's.

OPINION OF THE ARCHITECT

Says It Will Almost Be Desecration to Erect Other Buildings There.

Mayor Carlton McCarthy has sent to the Council a vigorous veto message, stating his objection to an ordinance affecting historic St. John's Church recently passed almost without objection by the two branches of the Council. While the message has not yet been made public, the Mayor frankly admitted that he had vetoed the ordinance. He went even further in expressing the hope that his action would direct the attention of the Virginia Historical Society, the Association for the Preservation of Virginia Antiquities and kindred organizations to the provisions of the measure, which, in his opinion, would authorize an innovation that would prove a serious menace to the existence of one of the most historic relics in the entire country.

The ordinance in question authorizes the vestry of St. John's Church to build a memorial chapel and parish-house within the inclosure, the chapel to be a memorial to the Rev. Alexander Whitaker.

Whether the two are to be included in one building is not quite clear from the terms of the ordinance, but in either event the Mayor regards such a proposition as constituting a grave increase of the danger of the destruction of this historic old church by fire.

"I am opposed, absolutely opposed, to the erection of these buildings," said the Mayor, "but I cannot discuss my reasons in detail in advance of the reading of the veto message by the Council."

The ordinance was recommended by the committee on St. John's burial-ground, and, after a perfunctory sort of explanation, was passed by consent, no opposition to it developing anywhere. The Mayor's passage may be depended upon to be a vigorous presentation of the objections to the plan proposed by the vestry.

Mr. Edwin March Wheelwright, an eminent Boston architect, who visited the old church yesterday, expressed the opinion that it would be almost a desecration to put any other building there, and that the modern buildings now in the church-yard should be removed.

HORSE DASHES INTO MOVING TRAIN

Peculiar Accident to Thos. Powell. Animal So Badly Hurt Had to Be Shot.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

CAPE CHARLES, VA., January 22.—Thomas Powell, a young white man, twenty-two years of age, was severely

STAND ANYTHING BUT DISMISSAL

Third Class of V. M. I. Cadets Say They Will Be Good if Let Off This Time.

THE BOARD SAT OVER IT LATE

Plans Under Way for Increasing Dormitory Accommodations.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) LEXINGTON, VA., January 22.—The board of visitors of the Virginia Military Institute are in session at a late hour to-night considering the escape of the third class just after the holidays, when they went on a rampage and indulged in a display of fireworks from the roof of the academic building in violation of regulations. A conclusion is not expected to be reached to-night.

A number of the offending boys, as well as members of other classes, have been before the board. A paper was presented to the board this afternoon, signed by the cadets under penalty of dismissal, in which the cadets say that the celebration was done purely in a spirit of fun and in nowise through a vicious or malicious spirit towards the superintendent, the commandant or any one in authority.

They further apologize for the infraction of the rules in a spirit of submission. They further ask to be reinstated and pledge themselves in the future to abide by all the rules of the Institute. They declare their willingness to submit to any punishment those in authority may deem just to inflict except suspension.

The board assembled this morning at 10 o'clock, and they have had two sessions to-day. The morning session was devoted to hearing the report from the superintendent, General Ship, and the consideration of the new buildings to be erected, the new library building and the additional cadet barracks to be added by changing the present library building. The architect, Mr. Fry, of Lynchburg, has been summoned for to-morrow.

The following nine members of the board are present: Alexander Hamilton, president; W. T. Shiloh, A. M. Blow, A. F. Bayless, T. J. Nottingham, J. L. White, J. D. Eggleston and C. J. Anderson.

NEGRO DESPERADO MURDERS HIS WIFE

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) ROCKINGHAM, N. C., January 22.—Hannibal Leake, a negro desperado, who brutally murdered his wife at the Rockingham passenger depot last August, has been arrested in Atlanta, Ga., and will be brought here for trial as soon as officers can get after him.

RICHMOND IN 1906

The bank deposits were \$32,017,574—an increase of \$24,000,000 since 1895. Nearly fourfold.

In ten years more, at the same ratio of increase, the bank deposits will be quite \$130,000,000, which will include an enormous savings account.

ARREST COUPLE AND SEIZE GOODS

Police Believe Man and Wife Are Expert Shoplifters.

LARGE SUPPLY OF ARTICLES FOUND

Chief's Office Looked Like Warehouse When the Stuff Was Spread Out—Man Says They Were All Presents to Him.

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THOMAS W. LAWSON CHANGES FRONT

It Is Now Said That He Has Been Employed by Standard Oil.

IS BOOSTING AMALGAMATED

Two Years Ago Said Stock Was Worth \$36—Now Says It's Worth \$100.

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1,500 PERSONS DROWNED BY WAVE

Simulu, an Island of the Dutch East Indies, Has Been Engulfed.

HAS ALMOST DISAPPEARED

Earthquake Shocks Are Still Felt and the Loss of Life Is Unknown.

THE HAGUE, January 22.—The tidal wave which devastated some of the Dutch East Indian Islands south of Atchin, as announced January 11th, practically engulfed the Island of Simulu. According to the latest information received here Simulu has almost disappeared. It is said that probably 1,500 persons lost their lives. Violent earth shocks continue to be felt daily. The civil Governor of Atchin has gone to the scene of the catastrophe.

According to the brief official dispatch which first announced the devastation wrought by the tidal wave in some of the Dutch East Indian Islands, 300 persons perished on the Island of Tana and 40 on the Island of Simulu.

Pudra Habi, or Simulu, is situated off the northwest coast of the Island of Sumatra and south of the province of Atchin.

GREAT-GRANDSON OF ZACK TAYLOR DIES

Passing of Mr. William P. Boyce, Prominent Winchester Man.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) WINCHESTER, VA., January 22.—William P. Boyce, great grandson of General Zachary Taylor, President of the United States, died this morning at Winchester Memorial Hospital, where he had been a patient more than a year, aged forty-seven years.

Mr. Boyce was a native of Georgetown, D. C., his father being Edward Boyce, paymaster in the United States Army. His wife, who died a few years ago, was Miss Cara Holmes, of Georgetown. Mr. Boyce inherited a large fortune, was highly cultured, a man of cultivated taste, and had spent years in travel.

SENATOR BAILEY IS RE-ELECTED

Secures a Majority and Will Be Returned—Committee Will Investigate.

AUSTIN, TEX., January 22.—Joseph W. Bailey was to-day reelected United States Senator by a vote in the two branches of the State Legislature, of 108 to 45. In the Senate the vote was 19 in favor of Senator Bailey and 10 against; in the lower House it was 89 to 35.

The vote in opposition to Senator Bailey was scattering. It was cast for Cecil Lyon, the Republican nominee; Governor T. M. Campbell, former Representative A. W. Terrell, and others. In the House seven members did not vote and two were absent. The vote necessary to an election is 51. The two Houses will meet in joint session to-morrow to canvass the vote.

The opponents of Senator Bailey made an effort in the House to pass a resolution providing that should the Legislature vote unanimously for the election of Senator Bailey, the latter should submit to a special primary within thirty days, and should the result be adverse, he would resign. This proposition was voted down, 59 to 61. The special investigation committee of the Legislature is to-night considering the charges against Senator Bailey.

FIRE WIPES OUT ARMORY OF THE BLUES

Big Four-Story Building Ninth and Cary Burns This Morning.

LOSS ESTIMATED AT \$275,000

Battalion Lose Beautiful Uniforms and All Equipment—200 Girls Thrown Out of Work by Destruction of the Surbrug Factory.

Loss Occasioned by Fire at Williams Building.

Williams Building...\$ 75,000  
Adams Express Co. 50,000  
Surbrug Tobacco Co. 100,000  
Bikes' Battalion 25,000  
U. S. Government 25,000  
\$275,000

Fire, supposed to have had its origin in a drying-box in the Surbrug Tobacco Factory to the rear of the third floor, this morning swept the Williams' four-story brick and slate building, on the northwest corner of Ninth and Cary Streets, leaving it a mass of smoking ruins, and entailing a loss estimated roughly at about \$200,000, covered by an insurance of possibly half that amount.

In the confusion following the discovery and fierce progress of the flames, it was utterly impossible to ascertain cause or to describe locations with any degree of definiteness. Shortly before 2 A. M. a blaze was discovered on the second or third floor to the rear of the building, and within a few minutes had gained so rapidly that the combined efforts of every fire company in Richmond could do no more than confine it to the structure in which it started. Within an hour and a half this had been entirely laid in ruins, meaning the complete destruction of the Blues' Armory, with its equipment, the Surbrug Tobacco Company's plant and the offices of the Southern Express Company, on the first floor, containing thousands of parcels for shipment or delivery within the city. Rough estimates this morning distributed the losses as follows:

R. L. L. Blues' equipment, \$25,000; and government supplies, \$25,000; insurance small.  
Surbrug Tobacco Company, \$100,000; insurance about \$40,000. . . . .  
Southern Express Company, \$10,000.  
Williams' estate (building), \$75,000; covered by insurance.

Other Buildings Undamaged.

Damage to surrounding buildings will not be great, though several were injured to some extent. The Chamber of Commerce, standing on the next corner, was unharmed, and the immense Mutual Building, towering high a single block away, also escaped. A shower of sparks fell upon several of the manufacturing plants lying around, but such flames as resulted were quickly extinguished. A car inspector's shed on the Chesapeake and Ohio Railway, a short distance away, caught, and for a time the Forbes plant and the grain elevator were thought to be in danger. The plug stream was too feeble to reach to the shed, and the timbers flared up and burned themselves to ashes. The tops of several telegraph poles caught and burned themselves out. Bargamin's plumbing supplies house, next to the Williams place, was lapped by the flames, but not seriously damaged.

The fire was one of the most spectacular ever seen in Richmond, and despite the hour and the intense cold, gathered a large crowd of people, who stood alternately shivering in the night air and scorched in the heat of the suddenly leaping flames. Walls crumbled and fell with a roar, and wild rumors of injury and death to firemen constantly kept the crowd excited. Only one man was hurt, and he not seriously. Thousands of cartridges stored in the Blues' Armory exploded, the continuous rattle and the dread of flying bullets driving the people back and forth, and sending them scampering around telegraph poles and behind sheltering walls. A portion of the Cary Street wall of the burning building, as it toppled, narrowly escaped burying one of the trucks. The lines of hose were badly damaged.

Fireman's Narrow Escape.

Fireman Lawrence Haake, of Engine Company No. 2, narrowly escaped fatal injury while the fire was in progress. He was holding the nozzle of a hose, the stream of which was playing on the Cary Street side of the building, when, with-